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Philly artist Candy Coated was commissioned for this year's Oval theme on the Parkway. Her colorful "Magic Carpet" painting debuts this week. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Pair caught having sex on roof of Chipotle

Delaware. Two people were arrested over the weekend after Newark police caught the duo engaging in sexual intercourse on the roof of a Chipotle restaurant while it was still open. A police officer who told them to stop told media the couple continued for 20 more seconds before ending their very public sex session. PAGE 02

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Chase Utley is back where he belongs

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Veterans with brain injuries could get help

Shock value. UPenn scientists are trying to help restore healthy memory systems.

The ultimate goal is to help veterans who have experienced traumatic brain injuries overseas — to create a pacemaker-type device that can be inserted into the sufferer's brain and regulate damaged memory systems.

But before such a major medical advancement moves forward, an all-star team of scientists, mathematicians and memory experts need to gather information.

The University of Pennsylvania is leading a Pentagon-sanctioned study of treating memory deficiencies. The group hopes to figure out how a healthy memory system works and then develop a device that can treat memory issues, diseases associated with memories and effects of traumatic brain injuries.

UPenn Professor Michael J. Kahana, who has studied human memory for more than two decades, said the first step is studying patients who are already outfitted with the required hardware.

Patients who already have a device implanted in their brains — for treatment of other issues — will be hooked up to computers and asked to play memory games to test them.

Bad memory systems will receive shocks to see if the brain's signals can change.

"You can't do that with electrodes outside of the skull," Kahana said. "You have to go into the brain to decode it."

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Injured in Iraq

One Iraq veteran shares his story

Jim Davie suffered a traumatic brain injury in Iraq.

Davie received treatment and did see improvement, but he knows veterans who aren't as lucky.

"The way that wars are fought these days, traumatic brain injuries aren't going to go away," he said.

By the numbers

$22M

The study cost the federal government $22.5 million.

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It's a four-year project.

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Correction

In Monday's edition of Metro Philadelphia newspaper, we incorrectly identified the host of the Locust Street World Cup party on Sunday afternoon. The party's host was Misconduct Tavern, located on 1511 Locust Street. Metro regrets the error.

Training Day

Members of the Fearless Athletics CrossFit gym in South Philadelphia work out during a group session on Monday afternoon. Fearless Athletics was selected as a finalist in PHL17's Hot List 2014.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Delaware. Pair had sex on Chipotle roof

As workers at a Chipotle were making burritos this weekend, two perps were allegedly making babies on the roof.

Michael Suh, 38, and Nicole Germack, 27, were arrested Saturday evening after having sex on the roof of the Chipotle in Newark, Delaware.

The Chipotle was open, but an employee who worked that night said no one inside was aware of the activity going on above them.

A Newark police officer arrived around 9:40 p.m. and "clearly observed the two defendants engaging in sexual intercourse on the roof at the very front of the Chipotle building," police said.

Even after the officer ordered them to stop, they "continued for approximately 15-20 seconds before stopping," police said.

Nicole Germack and Michael Suh / PROVIDED

Suh and Germack fled into Suh's apartment next door, where they were arrested.

Both were charged with resisting arrest, lewdness, indecent exposure, loitering and conspiracy.

They were both released after posting an $1,800 bond.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Union negotiations

Obama's board backs SEPTA leadership in wage fight

A Presidential Emergency Board appointed by Barack Obama in June after disputes during contract negotiations between SEPTA and Regional Rail workers has recommended the same raise SEPTA previously recommended.

"The Board recommended that wages be increased based on adherence to the pattern followed by all other union employees," SEPTA said — an 11.5 percent raise, or $2.60/hour for engineers and $3/hour for electricians.

That 2009 pattern would not include a raise engineers sought based on a pension boost obtained by Transit Workers Union Local 234.

Engineers and electricians went on strike for one day in June after years of negotiations, leading to this board.

The board's findings are not final.

SEPTA officials are asking regional rail engineers to return to the negotiating table to talk about contracts. METRO

Unions

Contracts for the bus drivers, subway operators and maintenance workers of TWU Local 234 expired in spring.

- Those contracts were not examined by the board.

Artist Candy Coated works on her giant painting at the pop-up park at Eakins Oval which opens this week. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Walk through a painting on the Parkway

The Oval. Candy Coated plays with color at the Park on the Parkway.

Rendering of the final product / PROVIDED

This week, the Oval gets a little more fun — as if that was possible.

Local artist Candy Coated — formerly known as Candy Depew — was commissioned by the Association for Public Art to create a "Magic Carpet" for the Oval — the pop-up Park on the Parkway that returns this week.

Magic Carpet is a brightly colored installation featuring five main areas including diamond-shaped rondelle forms that will appear three-dimensional. Giant butterflies and hopscotch bookend the site that also features oversize buoys, painted with leaf images and embellished with reflective material, according to the artist.

"It appeals to the kid inside everybody," Candy said. "When people see it, it does something to them, in their heart area."

The aPA reached out to Philadelphia Parks and Recreation and Fairmount Park Conservancy after the first Oval debuted last year. They suggested using Candy for this year's motif after last year's beach theme.

"We're taking it to the next level and really incorporating the artist's theme for this year's Oval," said aPA spokeswoman Caitlyn Martin.

Candy also decorated umbrellas that will go on top of cafe tables and oversize chess and checker boards. Illusions, lighting and movements will stimulate all the senses, Candy said.

"It's a beautiful colorful environment that will hopefully make people leave daytime life for a little bit and be in and on a painting of color," Candy said.

On Wednesday, Mayor Michael Nutter will help kick off the official Oval summer season. Live music, interactive arts, cultural activities, health and wellness activities, movie nights, beer gardens, mini golf, food trucks and more will be on hand for the rest of the summer.

Visit **Metro.us** for more photos of "Magic Carpet" at the Oval.

Quoted

"It's like a little tiny magical oasis."

Candy Coated, of the Magic Carpet installation at the Oval

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Children removed from Upper Darby crack house: Police

Bad environment. Neighbors cheered as two suspects from a crack house were arrested.

A crack house in Clifton Heights where two men were arrested on Friday after repeated complaints from neighbors was prioritized by police in part because two young children lived there.

"The big concern was an 11-year-old girl and a 7-year-old boy who were living in this, with all these dirtballs going in and out," said Upper Darby Police Department Superintendent Michael Chitwood.

Edward Malm, 44, the resident of the home on the 200 block of Westpark Lane, and renter Anthony Caserta, 33, were arrested on Friday afternoon, after police watched the home for more than a month and found heroin bags and syringes outside.

Caserta's girlfriend's children were found hiding in a bedroom. The kids said their mother told them to stay in the bedroom when she was not present.

Rap sheet

Malm was previously arrested at the house in 2011.

- Reports say he beat his 87-year-old grandmother and disabled her electric stairlift, trapping her in the basement so he could smoke crack unimpeded.

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Street 'compromised' from sinkhole

Neighbor Juan Oquendo looks at a sinkhole that opened Monday on the 1800 block of East Venango Street in North Philadelphia. "I was just walking by and I heard a clap and I looked over and it had all fallen in," he said. "It went by itself, everyone heard it." / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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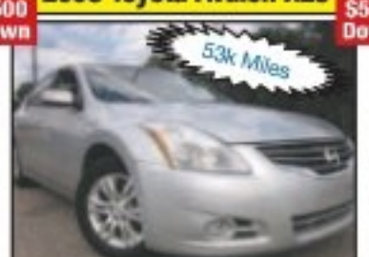

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Former POW back to Army active duty

Bergdahl. Officials called it "the final phase reintegration process."

U.S. Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl is transitioning to regular active duty status, having completed therapy and counseling following his return from captivity in Afghanistan, the Defense Department said on Monday.

Bergdahl, who was released in May after five years as a Taliban prisoner of war in Afghanistan, is being assigned to work at the Army North headquarters at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, the department said in a statement. REUTERS

Quoted

"He will now return to regular duty within the command where he can contribute to the mission." Defense Department statement

THE ARMY IS STILL INVESTIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING BERGDAHL'S 2009 DISAPPEARANCE FROM HIS POST IN AFGHANISTAN. GETTY IMAGES

Mortgage probe

Citigroup to pay $7 billion

Citigroup Inc. has agreed to pay $7 billion to resolve claims it misled investors about shoddy mortgage-backed securities in the run-up to the financial crisis, in a deal that includes the largest civil fraud penalty ever levied by the U.S. Justice Department.

The settlement, announced on Monday, is more than twice what many analysts expected but less than the $12 billion the government sought in negotiations with Citi C.N., the third largest U.S. bank. REUTERS

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'Goal!' World Cup biggest social media event ever, says Facebook

Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger and Lukas Podolski take a selfie after their victory. / GETTY IMAGES

Brazil's World Cup was the biggest social media event on record, involving 350 million Facebook Inc. users worldwide, the company claimed on Monday, as it made strides into the so-called "real-time" market dominated by Twitter.

People increasingly are using social networking to comment on global events seen on television, such as the monthlong soccer tournament won by Germany on Sunday.

Figures obtained by Reuters showed that the 350 million users generated a record Facebook "conversation" with 3 billion posts, comments and likes.

"We knew the World Cup was going to be big, but this level of engagement is remarkable," Nick Grudin, Facebook's director of global media partnerships, told Reuters. "It was the highest level of conversation around a single event that we have ever measured." REUTERS

Germany vs. Argentina

280M

The final match had 88 million users and 280 million interactions.

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Ship causing fatal wreck refloated, to be towed for scrap

Massive task. The salvage operation is one of the largest in maritime history.

Tugboats pull the wreck of the Costa Concordia during an operation to refloat the boat on July 14, 2014 off the Giglio Island. / GETTY IMAGES

The wreck of the luxury liner Costa Concordia was refloated on Monday and will soon be towed away. It will be broken up for scrap, more than two years after it capsized off the Italian coast, killing 32 people.

The 951-foot Costa Concordia ran aground on rocks near the Tuscan holiday island of Giglio in January 2012.

Air was pumped into 30 large metal boxes, or sponsons, attached around the hull of the 114,500-ton ship. The air forced out the water in the sponsons, lifting the vessel more than 7 feet off the underwater platform. Tugboats then attached cables to the ship and shifted it about 98 feet away from shore.

Work will start again on Tuesday to prepare it for towing within days to Genoa in northern Italy to be scrapped.

"We have to connect some more chains and some wires and do a calculation on exactly how heavy she is now, and then on Wednesday, Thursday, bring her up properly," salvage master Nick Sloane said. REUTERS

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"Little bit heavier than we estimated, but she is up."

Nick Sloane told Reuters, saying that Monday's activities had been "perfect."

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Paying for college. New bill would simplify financial aid application

Imagine if college students could apply for financial aid by simply sending back a postcard.

If two senators have their way, that could become a reality. The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Sen. Lamar Alexander, a Republican from Tennessee, and Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, a Democrat, aims to simplify the federal financial aid process. The proposed legislation would eliminate the FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Student Aid) form with a postcard that simply asks for a student's name, address, family size and annual income.

"Every year, 20 million students waste millions of hours and countless dollars on a 100-question application form that only needs to be the size of a postcard," Alexander said in a statement. "This bill would cut more than 100 questions down to two and help families get aid information sooner, while protecting taxpayers from lending more money to students than they're able to repay."

The days of stressing out over your FAFSA application could soon be a thing of the past. / PIXLAND

More than a million students don't fill out a FAFSA form each year. It's believed that many of them feel discouraged about doing so because of the complicated paperwork involved. NPR reported that many of these students would have received substantial amounts of financial aid.

LAKSHMI GANDHI

Loans

Borrowing money

There are currently six types of loans available through FAFSA. The proposed bill would simplify the process by cutting that number down to three: one for undergrads, one for graduate students and one for parents.

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Only one in 10 high schoolers can solve complex financial problems. / DIGITAL VISION

Most teens can't manage money

Skills

The test

Students were asked to do things like interpret a sample invoice, read a bank statement and — in one of the more difficult questions — explain the benefits of paying off a high-interest loan with money from another lender.

Next steps

Reading, writing and money management

A bill pending in the New York State legislature calls for high school juniors and seniors to take a financial literacy and personal finance course.

Money matters. American teens don't know much about finance.

American high schoolers have a hard time answering basic questions about bank accounts, saving money and credit cards.

That's according to a new study by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, which compared the financial literacy of 15-year-olds in 18 countries.

Only one in 10 high schoolers was considered a top performer (which is defined as someone who can "look ahead to solve financial problems or make the kinds of financial decisions that will be only relevant to them in the future"). That's in sharp contrast to Chinese students, who ranked at the top of the list.

The gap between Chinese and American students is stark. Students in Shanghai province received a mean score of 602 on the exam, a startling 100 more than the mean score for the rest of the countries studied. As for American teens, their mean score was 492, which the researchers deemed average.

Some lawmakers are pressing for more financial education in schools. The Atlantic magazine notes that 27 states have legislation related to financial literacy pending.

By the numbers

602

Mean score on financial literacy exam for Chinese students, 110 points higher than the mean score for American students.

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You might have finished college, but your independent adult life awaits with new responsibilities. Andrea Woroch, a money expert and frequent guest on "The Today Show," breaks down the dos and don'ts for new college graduates who are just stepping out into the real world.

1 Don't burn through all those cash-filled envelopes you get after graduating. According to Woroch, there are several ways to invest graduation money. If you have a job already, use the money to buy appropriate work attire. If you're still on the job hunt, make sure you have all the materials you need for an interview, such as an interview outfit and a resumé and cover letter. If you already have a job lined up, use the money to pay off a chunk of your student loans or credit card debt. It also never hurts to have a backup emergency fund.

2 Establish rules for yourself about borrowing money from your parents. Communication is key. Woroch says to establish that you're actively hunting for a job from the get-go. Be open about what your expenses are, such as rent or transportation, so your parents know you're not just blowing money on unnecessary things.

Good advice

A few more quick tips:

- Cut down on your electricity bill by unplugging appliances or electronics you're not using. As long as a plug is still in a socket, it's still sucking energy.
- When it comes to buying furniture, save money by looking into things that are used but in good condition.
- Shop smart and beware of buying dry-clean-only clothes, the costs of which add up over time.

3 Even if you're still living at home, learn how to budget. "Parents can be really great guides in terms of helping you save money," says Woroch. "I know someone whose mother charged him rent while living at home. It might have been around $300 — not a huge amount— but enough for him to realize that he had to stretch his dollars." Also, keep track of your expenses so you can see where all your money goes. A free online money tracking system such as Mint.com lets you see all your financial accounts in one place.

4 Decide which expenses are most important. Everyone needs to have Internet access or a cell phone to receive emails and learn about job opportunities, as well as for basic communication. What recent college graduates don't need these days is cable TV service. "Cut down on TV," says Woroch, who recommends streaming TV shows and movies online. Also, you can save on a cell phone bill if you get a plan with your friends.

5 Don't just buy what you're used to. Woroch says that one trap recent grads fall into at the grocery store is just grabbing the brands they know and putting them in their carts. When you can, buy the generic option instead of the name-brand one. It will save you money at checkout.

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Are airport clubs worth the money?

Pros and cons. If you're a frequent flier, here's what you need to know.

Travelers have a wide range of options when it comes to the airport clubs, whose lounges can offer some peace from often chaotic, warehouselike airport terminals. Snacks and drinks are available for the taking, seating tends to be more comfortable and there's free Wi-Fi and lots of power outlets.

But whether it is worth the cost depends on how you're getting access. Airport lounges are run by either airlines or a handful of private operators. While some are restricted to top-tier flyers, most allow travelers a variety of ways to get in:

Day passes for an airport lounge are about $50. / COLOURBOX

• **Membership through airlines or airline alliances**: For instance, if you achieve gold status in the Star Alliance, (which includes United Airlines, Air Canada and Lufthansa) you are permitted access to more than 1,000 lounges worldwide as long as you fly on a member airline. Otherwise, you will pay about $300 to $700 a year, plus initiation fees (air miles can be used).

• **Route-specific:** Some travelers are given entry to an airline's lounges along the route they are flying if they fly internationally on a first-class or business-class airline ticket or on certain transcontinental flights.

• **Membership through cards:** The American Express Platinum Card gets you a complimentary membership to Delta's Sky Club network. Also, Citi Executive/AAdvantage card holders get a membership worth $500 in American Airline's Admirals Club included as part of their $450 annual fee.

• **What you get:** At the estimated 2,000 lounges worldwide at more than 500 airports, services and amenities vary. For food, U.S. clubs typically offer basic snacks such as carrots, pretzels and apples, with a bit more in the mornings, such as pastries and yogurt, according to Tyler Dikman, founder of LoungeBuddy, an app with data on nearly 1,800 airport lounges. Beer and wine are free, but travelers usually have to pay extra for top-shelf liquor. Nearly half of lounges have showers, he adds. REUTERS

When to splurge

Day passes

For the infrequent traveler or someone waiting a long time for a connection, buying a day pass to a lounge could be worth the cost. Road warriors report that paying about $500 a year is money well spent to regroup when it's inconvenient to check into a hotel.

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One of the most important rules to growing an account exponentially rather than just the typical 10-to-20 percent per year is to focus on the hottest stock market sectors, since to grow your account fast, you need fast-moving stocks!

Here are three of the hottest sectors I'm watching:

Mobile Internet stocks

The growth in mobile Internet usage has exploded the past few years and the stock prices of companies benefitting from this trend have similarly exploded. Startups with no revenues or profits but booming user growth like Instagram and SnapChat have become worth billions in record time.

When looking for "the next big thing," be on the lookout for mobile applications and websites that are simple and fun, with wide mainstream appeal. Don't worry about pesky revenues or profits; it's basically a popularity contest.

Up: The U.S. stock market is at all-time highs, and there doesn't seem to be anything on the horizon to stop the bullish rally.

Down: Brazil getting blown out in the World Cup saddened an entire nation and few could ever rejoice in the sadness of so many hundreds of millions of people.

Marijuana stocks

With more and more states legalizing marijuana, this sector was the single hottest sector in the entire world for the first few months of 2014. Things have cooled down a bit recently, as those initial gains could not be sustained, but I fully expect this sector to rise again in the future given the trends and popularity of this "medicine."

Signs of a comeback will include tremendous press and further legalization news, ideally grouped with uptrending stock prices in all of the most popular marijuana stocks.

Apple-related stocks

The hottest, most popular technology company on the planet has created a cottage industry of those who speculate on new products, from the upcoming iPhone to the rumored iWatch and products that could fundamentally change the health and medicine fields, transportation and home entertainment.

For buying Apple-related stocks, wait for specific product announcements and then act quickly once their new suppliers are confirmed. The stocks of those companies will benefit greatly in the coming weeks and months on hype alone.

What we're into this week

1

The U.S. stock market has pulled back some off its highs, which is very healthy. We can't go straight up forever without any pullbacks!

2

PostMates is a great new app where you can now get restaurant delivery in the nation's biggest cities.

3

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THE WORD

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1 The Internet hates Paltrow as Hepburn

Shocker: Gwyneth Paltrow did something that has people up in arms. The Goop guru got gussied up as Audrey Hepburn for a Max Factor makeup campaign to pay tribute to the "Breakfast at Tiffany's" star. And let's just say folks were not pleased. She also dressed up as Brigitte Bardot, Farrah Fawcett and her good buddy, Madonna, but no one seemed to mind that. Audrey Hepburn, though? Yikes. Here are some of the juicier reactions on Twitter:

@DestineeDouty: "She's not even half the woman Audrey Hepburn was."

@Jaspiehorn: "She's not pretty enough to be Audrey!"

@mariamzadeh: "Worst casting ever! Gwyneth could never play Audrey."

@lainieamber: "the funniest thing I have heard all day."

Gwyneth Paltrow does her best Audrey Hepburn. But her best ain't good enough for a lot of Internet trolls. / MAX FACTOR

2 Is Heigl hard to work with? Let her answer

While presenting her new series, "State of Affairs," to TV critics this week in Los Angeles, Katherine Heigl was asked point blank about those pesky reports that she's "difficult to work with." Katie, don't do it! It's a trap!

There is no good way to answer this! Oh drat, here we go: "I can only say that I don't see myself as being difficult and I don't intend to be difficult," she responded. "I think it's always important to everybody to conduct themselves professionally and respectfully and kindly. So if I have ever disappointed somebody, it was never intentional."

Here's the problem, Katherine. All anyone takes away from that answer is, "I don't see myself as being difficult," which just makes you sound more difficult, but also a bit affronted. This kind of public image nightmare you've had going on for a while now is like quicksand. The more you struggle, the worse it gets. No matter what you say about your reputation of being difficult, it will only reinforce people's idea that you're difficult. I don't necessarily know what the answer is. Maybe you should be more of a klutz in public or get a new puppy or something. Or just, you know, stop talking.

3 Another prince or princess in the making?

Prince William and Kate Middleton are getting a spare heir, as Middleton is reportedly pregnant with their second child. That is, if In Touch Weekly is to be believed. Oh, and the tabloid also says she's battling anorexia and "can't stop losing weight." The Duchess of Cambridge has apparently been canceling appearances and making emergency doctor visits. (They looked fine last week watching the Wimbledon finals.) Royal insiders insist that with first son George turning 1 this month, the couple are trying for another baby this summer.

Is there "a spare heir" in there? / GETTY IMAGES

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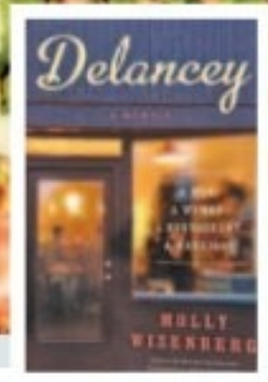
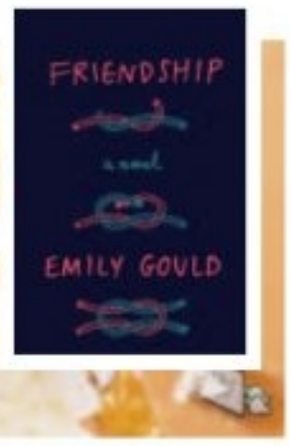
Pizza

1 'Delancey'

by Molly Wizenberg
In "Delancey," author Molly Wizenberg's husband drops out of grad school to open a pizza place, even though he has almost zero experience in the restaurant biz. As you can imagine, there's a lot of pizza talk. Wizenberg's husband must taste a lot of pizza to learn how to make the perfect one. And Wizenberg — who is the food blogger behind Orangette — waxes about pizza in such vivid detail, you can almost taste the mozzarella.



Cheap wine and takeout



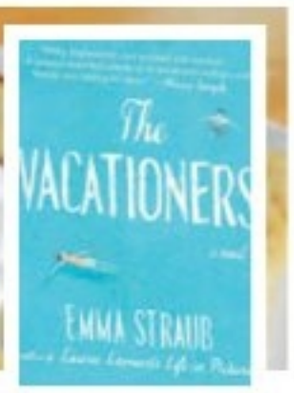
2 'Friendship'

by Emily Gould
Former Gawker.com editor Emily Gould wrote this novel about two best friends who just turned 30. Life isn't exactly going as planned for either one. Whether you're currently experiencing your own late 20s crisis or, luckily, already have surpassed it, there's one thing that can get you through a book about two friends who are growing apart (with one who is seriously behind on her student loan payments): cheap wine and takeout.

Nutella crepes

3 'The Vacationers'

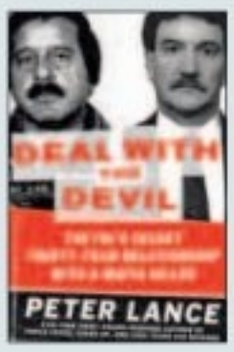
by Emma Straub
Chances are, you aren't escaping to Mallorca this summer like the Posts, the family in Emma Straub's "The Vacationers." Franny, the Post family matriarch, makes big meals for the household, but there's one thing she hides in the kitchen for herself: a jar of Nutella. She settles for spoonfuls, but you'll likely crave a warm crepe oozing with the chocolatey hazelnut spread.

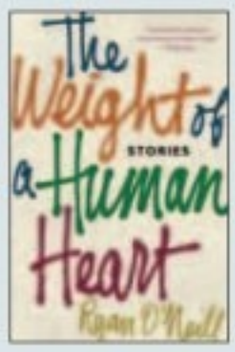


3 more picks of the week

'Deal With The Devil'

by Peter Lance
If you love a good crime story, this book is for you. Author Peter Lance — who has won five Emmys for his investigative reporting — tackles three decades' worth of never-before-released FBI files to tell the story of a member of the Mafia who killed at least 50 people. This is one of those cases where true life is even crazier than anything Hollywood could dream up.





'The Weight of a Human Heart'

by Ryan O'Neill
Scottish writer Ryan O'Neill is one of fiction's rising stars, and his first book is a collection of poetically penned short stories. The tales, which include a story about a female student in Rwanda forced to leave her home and school because of genocide and a young girl who accidentally discovers her mother's secrets, will stay with you long after you finish reading.

'The Gurkha's Daughter'

by Prajwal Parajuly
Each of the eight short stories in this book offers a glimpse into the lives of various Nepali people, such as a shopkeeper in Kalimpong overwhelmed with worry and a daughter at odds with her Gurkha (soldier) father. Through these stories, author Prajwal Parajuly exposes the complicated struggles of the Nepali people, such as embracing modern life while still keeping with tradition. **EMILY LAURENCE**

TV watch list

We miss you, Kenneth the Page, seen here on "Drunk History." / COMEDY CENTRAL

REALITY

'Celebrity Wife Swap'

It's Six, of "Blossom" fame! That's right, the one and only Jenna Von Oy is ready to swap. Her counterpart? Jill Zarin, a "Real Housewife of New York City." Six lives in Nashville, so good luck with that, Jill Zarin. **10 P.M., ABC**

COMEDY

'Drunk History'

Have you been missing Kenneth the Page from "30 Rock"? Lucky for you, his portrayer, Jack McBrayer, will be appearing on "Drunk History" tonight as DJ Alan Freed. **10 P.M., COMEDY**

COMEDY

'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon'

Cameron Diaz stops by. Last time she was there, she played a little game of roller golf with Jimmy. Time for a rematch? **10 P.M., NBC**

SPORTS

'World Series of Poker'

Do you like poker but have a little problem with grinning every time you get a good hand? Maybe you'd better watch these pros go at instead it for the national championship in Las Vegas. Part 2 airs immediately following Part 1. **8 P.M., ESPN**

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'Judex'

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The hero of 1963's "Judex" makes his entrance wearing a freaky bird mask. / CRITERION COLLECTION

1 The term "superhero" wasn't coined until 1917, but they had been around before then. Louis Feuillade used early versions of them in his silent-era serials, including the titular star of 1915's "Judex" — a caped avenger who, rather than take down all criminals, works on just one: an unscrupulous banker who he imprisons. Not long before the "Batman" TV series, he was dusted off for Georges Franju's 1963 French remake. Newly out on disc, it takes what was a 12-part, five-and-a-half-hour epic and crams it into 97 densely nutty minutes. But Franju is less into his noble hero than the villain, a slinky thief played by Francine Berge.

2 Franju is best known for the bone-chilling horror "Eyes Without a Face," whose centerpiece is an extended experimental surgery scene. He was a stylist whose work, as Geoffrey O'Brien puts it in the set's liner notes, was like simultaneously watching a "documentary and a dream come to life." Plenty of weird, impossible events creep up, but they're presented with a deadpan naturalism that makes them seem stranger still. Chief among these is Judex's surreal introduction, in which he crashes a society party in a giant, ornate bird mask. Franju intended his "Judex" to be in part a tribute to silent era filmmaking, and while he's not averse to dialogue he allows long stretches to go by without sound — just arresting images.

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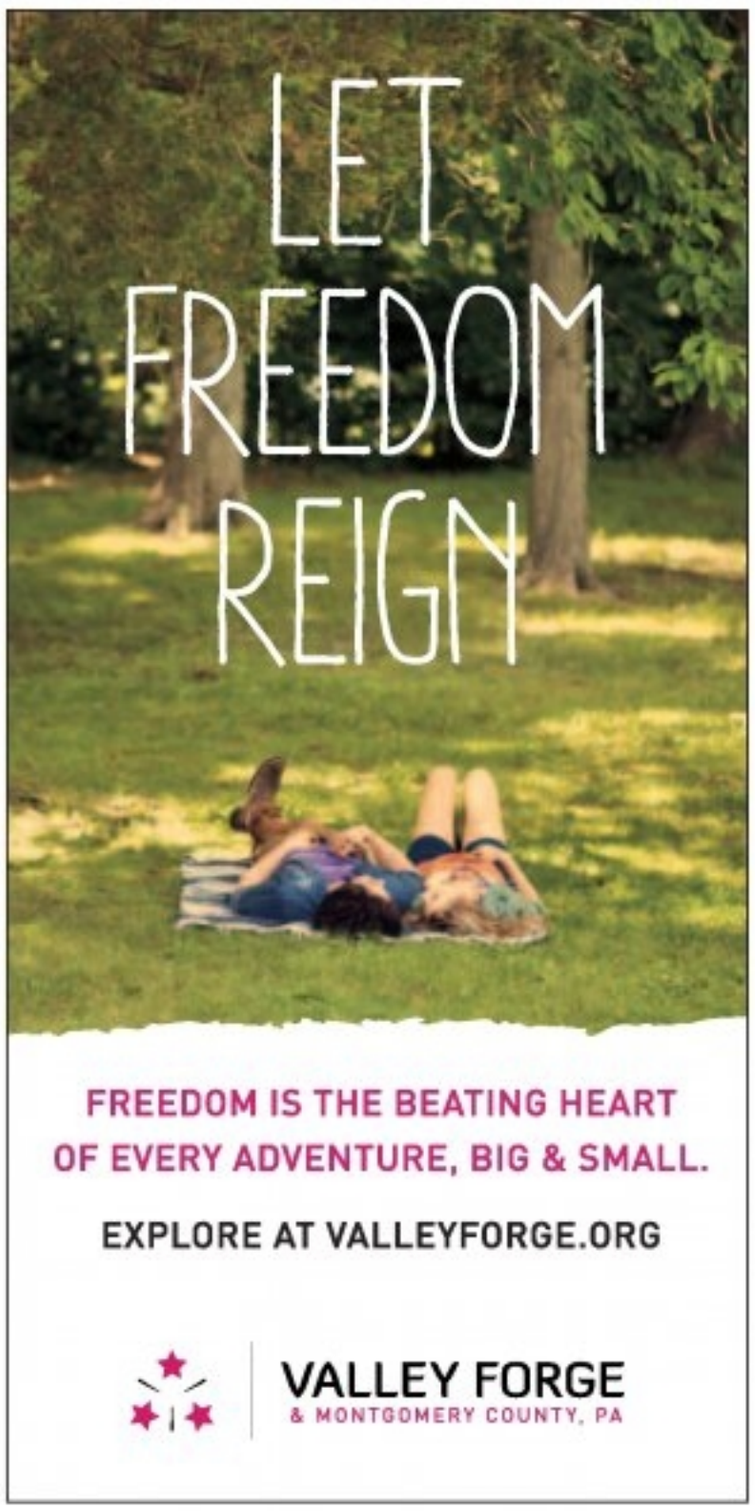

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Cayman Islands.
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Go to any Caribbean island and you'll enjoy white sand, blue waters, cold drinks and hot nightlife. But experience all that in the Cayman Islands and you won't be fighting for a hammock with college kids on spring break. It's the perfect tourist destination for the nontourist, and the main island — Grand Cayman — is small enough to hit all the main attractions during a week-long vacation, whether it's adults-only or with kids.

Seven Mile Beach

Most of the main island's resorts are on the western shore of Grand Cayman, nestled on Seven Mile Beach. Bring your pets or do some grilling. Just south of the beach is the capital, George Town, where animal lovers must stop at Cayman Turtle Farm, a nature park and green sea turtle breeding farm. Reach into one of the center's many pools to pick up one of the reptiles; hold tight with one hand and use your other to massage its neck or head. For lunch, don't miss conch fritters at Guy Harvey's Restaurant & Bar as you watch the cruise ships dock.

Get historical

Take a morning off from the beach to stop by Pedro St. James, a historically accurate three-story reconstruction of plantation owner William Eden's 1780 home. A tour guide walks you through each room, sharing the history of the island and site, which overlooks a lush landscape. It also boasts the island's best ocean views atop its bluff. Chickens — whose ancestors are among the first animal settlers on the island — roam the gardens.

Stingray City

Say you swam with stingrays on Grand Cayman — something you can only do in a few parts of the world. A speedboat you can help drive takes you to shallow sandbars in the North Sound of the island where the water is crystal-clear. Stingrays in their habitat — used to people swimming there and feeding them — glide through the water all around you, allowing you to feed them squid, hold and even kiss them. You'll have snorkeling gear so you can see the creatures underwater. After your close encounter with the stingrays, Rum Point offers shipwreck diving, or just relax in a hammock.

Live in paradise

If you end up not wanting to leave the Cayman Islands, The Londoner is a more permanent way to stay. / PROVIDED

The Londoner

The newest project from developer David Morritt, an English expat who fell in love with the Cayman Islands more than 25 years ago, is The Londoner, a new line of two- and three-bedroom luxury suites, all overlooking the water.

Morritt has really built up the island's east end, calling it "a jewel in the crown." The resorts work with Interval International who specialize in time-share and you can trade for stays at other vacations spots worldwide.

The resort has two restaurants, a spa, tennis courts and a shopping center. Water sports are popular — you can snorkel around the dock at the island's only restaurant on a pier — and the infinity pool offers beach views. There are also daily activities for the whole family.

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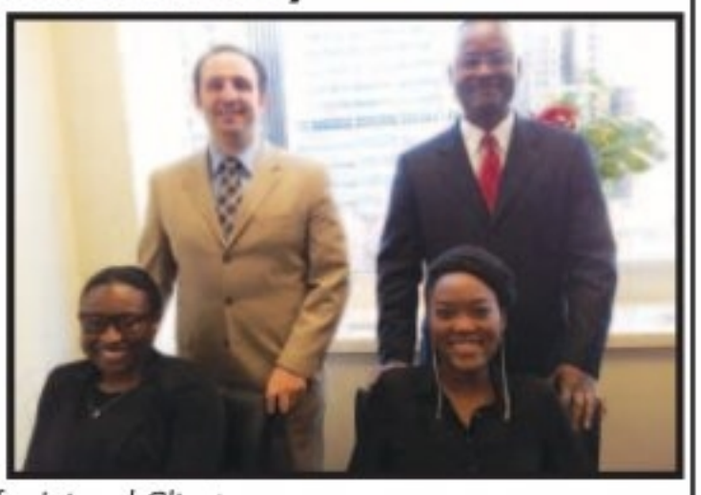

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5 Reasons to read to your kids

Good advice. Jason Boog, author of "Born Reading," shares how reading to infants can have lifelong effects.

Jason Boog's book "Born Reading" comes out July 15. / COLOURBOX

Between TV, tablets and phones, there are a lot of virtual babysitters at parents' fingertips. And when you've been working all day and still have to get dinner on the table, they sure come in handy. But Jason Boog makes the case for some good old-fashioned reading time in his new book, "Born Reading," some of which we highlight here.

1 It helps with brain development. Boog started reading to his daughter Olive when she was a newborn. "Then I started interviewing different experts, and they all said reading to an infant before he or she can talk is one of the most important things you can do as a parent," Boog says. "That interaction between [adult] and child helps [his or her] brain develop; holding a book, pointing to things and asking questions helps the developing brain."

2 Reading can be used as a teaching tool. In Boog's case, reading a "Frog and Toad" story together recently sparked a conversation about willpower with Olive, who is now almost 4 years old. "We talked about [not eating] candy [before] dinner and how willpower can help with that," he says. Another time he used books as a teaching tool was when potty training. "That's another time when you're sitting for a long time and there's not much to do," he says.

3 It has lifelong effects on kids' vocabularies. Boog found over and over again that children who read have much larger vocabularies than children who don't read. "It's a crucial advantage for kids as they enter school," he says.

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Reason 4

It's never too late to start

Even if you didn't read to your baby, you can still spark in your child a love for reading. Boog says one way to do so is by making your own love of reading evident. He also says it's important not to assign books for your kids to read — let them pick our their own

reading material. "If all your son or daughter wants to read are comic books, that's fine. It doesn't matter; it's the reading that's important."

Reason No. 5

Newborns understand more than you think

Since newborns are obviously hearing words for the first time, just listening to a parent read aloud is beneficial for them. They also can see and understand the differences between different colors. And Boog says even at six months, his daughter had a favorite book. "Even at six months, she was grasping the tendrils of the story," he says.

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♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. It's a favorable time to move house. Listen carefully to advice offered you, as well as to the concerns of others.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You will experience friction with a friend, relative or neighbor. If you stick to a set budget, you will be able to afford something you've wanted to do.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Successful relationships depend on honest communication. Share your personal and professional goals.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Consider other people's points of view. Overdramatizing your problems will not help your situation or persuade others to see things your way.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You will become interested in something or someone that isn't good for you. Don't risk your position by being too aggressive or demanding.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Worrying about older family members will cause you stress. Keep a positive attitude in order to put everyone around you at ease.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Don't brag. You will be questioned if you pretend to know more than you do. Listening to others can help you gain information.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. It's time to focus on your career. Trying to change the way others think will be a waste of time. Do your own thing.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Reach out to those with experience. You can turn your dreams into reality with the right network of people.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Success is the best revenge. Now is not the time to labor over what's happened in the past. Stand tall and do what you do best.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Quench your thirst for knowledge by learning more about subjects. Some time devoted to doing research will be well spent.

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Letters

Palestine's priorities

Re: 'Violent cycle' (Metro, July 14) I agreed with most of what letter writer C. Hanson had to say, but have to object to his statement that Israel is denying Palestine statehood. Palestine could be an independent state tomorrow, if the Palestinians and their leaders choose to do so. However, they won't, as this will deny their leadership a convenient scapegoat for their own failures, along with their Arab "brethren," who also benefit from continued strife and violence. There won't be peace in the region until the Palestinian's love for their children is greater than their hatred of Israel (to paraphrase Golda Meir).

E. BLOCK, VIA EMAIL

Court did right by phone users

The Supreme Court recently considered the question of whether police can search cell phones, of arrested suspects. The court got it right when it ruled on June 25 that warrants are required. The ruling goes a long way toward ensuring the privacy rights of all Americans. The decision in Riley v. California was unanimous. All nine justices have recognized that people carry their entire lives on their smartphones.

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20 Make current
22 Wanted-poster word
23 Funhouse features
26 Kimono sash
27 Go-betweens
28 Slowly disappear (2 wds.)
33 Decides, as a jury
34 Mountaineer's refrain
35 QB — Manning
36 Invade
37 Skims through
38 Turn white
39 United
40 Bell tower sounds
41 Spaghetti sauce herb
42 Shilly-shallies
44 Used a blender
45 Youth
46 Harbingers
47 Table utensil
50 Scorched
52 Type of whales
54 Facilitated
58 Top-notch pilots
59 Recital piece
60 Custom
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62 Vortex
63 Swamp grass

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4 Rose, as stocks
5 Tyrants
6 Indian potentates
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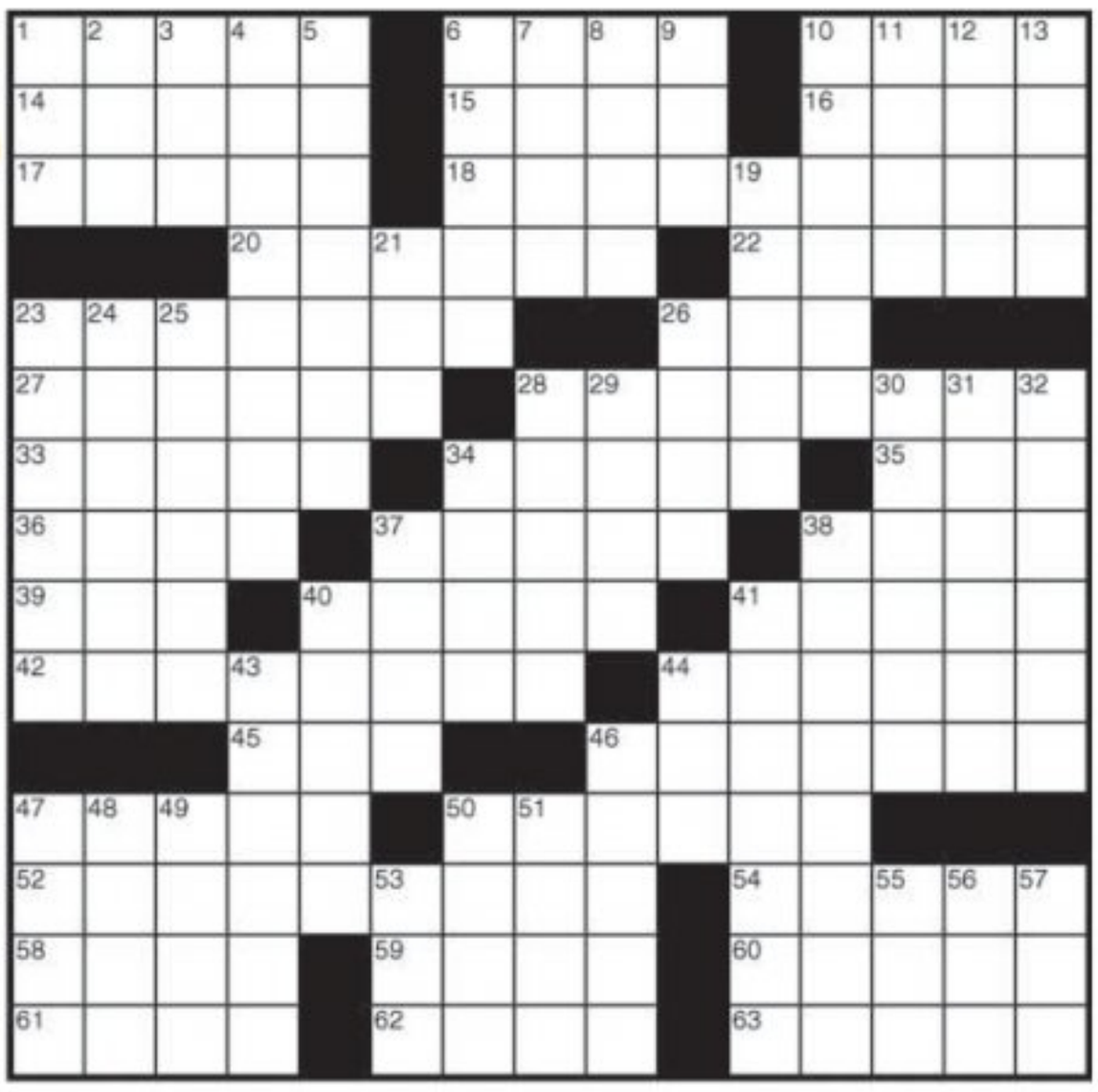

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WHO MADE JAMES KING OF ALL SPORTS?

LeBron James is king of the sports world right now, even though he is an incorrigible egomaniac. His story of redemption played out last week like a bad movie, from his clandestine meetings and painful goodbyes to his heartwarming decision to return to Cleveland.

Ultimately, the best basketball player on the planet decided to go home to the Cavaliers because he wanted some redemption after his controversial move to Miami four years that led to two NBA championships and a deluge of criticism. He really missed Cleveland, or so the script said.

Meanwhile, Cleveland missed him, too. In fact, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert so regretted the angry letter he posted after James' departure that he flew his own private jet to Miami 10 days ago to apologize to James. Cue the violins.

Within a week, James disclosed his decision in Sports Illustrated magazine, much to the acclaim of everybody but the fans in Miami. It was time to come home, sweet home. Pass the tissues. Now roll the credits.

The only problem with this story is that every part of it is bunk. James didn't miss Cleveland; no one ever misses Cleveland. He had just lost the NBA title in Miami because Dwyane Wade got old and because Chris Bosh wasn't good enough anymore, and because the Cavs offered him a contract with an opt-out clause after one season. The grass wasn't greener in Cleveland; his new teammates and his deal were better.

As for Gilbert, who called James' decision to leave a "cowardly betrayal," timing is everything. If the owner really felt so terrible about his highly accurate statement of four years ago, why did it take until last week to remove it from the Cavs' website? Could it possibly be because James wasn't a free agent until now, and there was nothing to gain?

And let's not leave out the cute new way James decided to hand down his momentous decision — with his own bylined article in SI. How big a narcissist do you have to be to avoid a simple news conference in favor of TV specials and exclusive magazine articles? Who named him the king of sports?

Well, actually, that's the problem. Even though he just lost the NBA title to an old San Antonio team, he has been empowered by people always kissing his rump. Owners will fly a thousand miles to apologize to him. National magazines will drop to their knees and beg for an exclusive. Fans will buy his new Cavs jersey four years after burning his old one.

For the critics in the crowd, the LeBron James story did offer a delicious final twist. His happy ending landed him right back in Cleveland. The biggest egomaniac in sports is headed back to America's ugliest city. It's the feel-good story of the summer.

LeBron James made the right choice, but was it for the right reasons? / GETTY IMAGES

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Future is bright

Two Phils play in Futures game

Twice as many players from the Phillies organization were selected to the MLB Futures game than to the MLB All-Star Game. And while it isn't a good sign for this year's team, it's a good one for teams in the near future. Maikel Franco, the third baseman who is nearing his major league debut, had two at-bats for the World squad Sunday, while J.P. Crawford got a hit in his appearance for the U.S. team.

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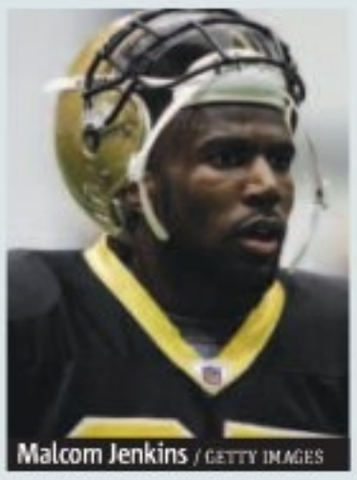
Cataldi on the Eagles

Jenkins could be most important story in camp

With the Eagles opening training camp in 10 days — can it somehow get here sooner, please? — Malcolm Jenkins will be the most important story of the summer, and, hopefully, the fall and winter, too. No player promises more reason for improvement in the 10-6 team, but also more risk of failure.

Coach Chip Kelly is acknowledged as a genius on offense, as he proved in his rookie NFL season. Defense, however, is another matter, given his 29th-ranked unit in 2013. So when Kelly signed Jenkins to take over the free-safety position butchered last year by Patrick Chung, his decision was met with immediate concern.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And let's not forget that New Orleans coach Sean Payton happily let Jenkins become a free agent so that he could sign a more highly rated safety, Jarius Byrd. Although Byrd had played for Kelly at Oregon, the coach never even contacted Byrd. Does Kelly know something Payton doesn't? Or is it the other way around?

So far, Jenkins has made a terrific first impression — with his mouth, not his play. The man can talk. He has already demonstrated the leadership required of his position, something Chung also sorely lacked. Jenkins even fed the Payton-Kelly comparison when he said the Eagles were accomplishing far more in OTAs than Payton ever did.

Now comes the hard part for Jenkins, and for Kelly. When he left New Orleans, the word on Jenkins was that he was a poor open-field tackler and a mediocre pass defender. In other words, he isn't much of an upgrade over Chung. The Eagles are going to need the difference-maker Chip Kelly sees, and not the disappointment Sean Payton saw. ANGELO CATALDI

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Papelbon has 22 saves this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Jonathan Papelbon is a hired gun with a big mouth and a bad attitude. He signed with the Phillies three years ago because they offered the most money, not because he liked our city or our team. So why all the angst over the moody closer's public plea last week to leave? Since when do mercenaries have a moral code?

Papelbon deserves our praise, not our scorn. He was honest. He wants out because he's 33 and the Phillies will not be a contender in the 15 months left on his contract. He sees no purpose in squandering the rest of his career on a lost cause.

Of all the mercenaries GM Ruben Amaro Jr. has accumulated in his futile attempt to restart the 2008 juggernaut, Papelbon is the biggest villain, but hardly the biggest bust. Actually, he has outperformed expectations, if not his $15 million contract, this season. He has a no-trade clause, which he is willing to waive for no extra money.

Final thought

"He will never be the most likeable player on the Phillies, but he definitely is the most honest."

So what's the problem? Papelbon never hid the fact that he came here in 2011 because the Phillies had just won 102 games, and there was a good chance he could win a second ring to go with the one he got in Boston. When the Phils flopped last summer, he took serious heat for saying "I didn't come here for this." But it was true. He didn't come here to lose.

Fans have to decide what they value most in a sports figure. Is it saying what they want to hear, or is it the truth? Jonathan Papelbon wants to leave, and he's not afraid to say so. Well, bravo to him.

Burnett wants to stay

Burnett says he intends to play entire season in Phillies uniform

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Phillies closer Jonathan Papelbon angered some Phillies fans by announcing he wanted to be traded to a contender.

But another Phillies pitcher on the trading block doesn't have the same point of view.

Veteran hurler A.J. Burnett told the Phillies' website he was not planning on requesting a trade.

"I signed here to play here," Burnett said. "I'm not a guy who looks for an out or wants to get out because things aren't going the right way. If that happens, then it happens, but I'm not looking to move on. This is my team. I understand how things work, but I'm trying not to worry about it."

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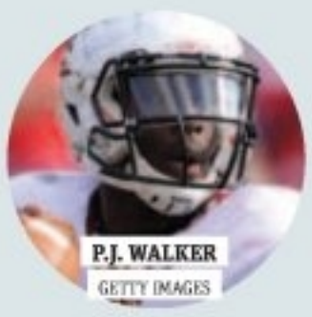
Owls to watch

Three Temple football stars make watch lists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There is still over a month to go until college football begins and the Temple Owls look to bounce back from a down year in 2013.

But the NCAA revealed that three Owls are on preseason award watch lists, adding some hype to an already optimistic season for coach Matt Rhule's bunch.

Quarterback P.J. Walker is on the Maxwell Award and CFPA QB Trophy watch lists.

Center Kyle Friend is on the Rimington Trophy watch List, the award given to that position's best player.

And linebacker Tyler Matakevich is on the Bednarik Award, Bronko Nagurski Trophy, and Butkus Award watch lists.

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Kendrick has a lackluster 4-9 record so far in 2014. / GETTY IMAGES

Kendrick's struggles cost Phils

MLB. The Phillies pitching has gotten better as a whole, but Kyle Kendrick still can't figure out the first inning.

Kyle Kendrick is the Phillies biggest enigma and that's saying something, considering Domonic Brown is on the roster.

The Phillies longest tenured right-handed pitcher appears to need a pitcher whisperer. Kendrick normally throws well, save the first inning.

"He gets away from his fastball and gets into his secondary pitches," Ryne Sandberg said. "Those pitches hit (in the first inning) were 0-2 changeups and a breaking ball. He didn't establish his fastball."

Kendrick has allowed 24 first inning runs in his 19 starts and doesn't seem to have any idea why he gets knocked around early.

"I don't know what to say," Kendrick said. "I didn't make quality pitches (in the first) I guess. I'll keep working at it and I'll fix it."

Kendrick retired 14 in a row after giving up a first-inning three-run homer to Jayson Werth in a loss Sunday to end the Phillies' first half on a sour note..

His first inning troubles are inexplicable. Kendrick has tried longer bullpens, lengthy discussions with pitching coach Bob McClure. He has done everything short of asking the Phillies to start a reliever for an inning and pick it up in the second frame.

"It's weird," Kendrick said. "I can't quite put my finger on it."

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Utley set to represent Phillies all by himself

MLB. Chase Utley will start at second base and bat seventh in Tuesday night's All-Star Game.

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Much like Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley loves playing in Philadelphia. He recently indicated that he would like to remain in red pinstripes despite the team's woes. Just like J-Roll, Utley has a full no-trade clause.

Even though some fans, perhaps best described as the vocal minority, would like to see Utley dealt for prospects, many behind Ryne Sandberg's team love the Phillie with the shortest and sweetest swing and wouldn't mind him remaining.

Utley's ardent supporters voted the greatest second baseman in club history to the All-Star game Tuesday in Minneapolis. Utley, who will make his sixth All-Star appearance, led throughout the balloting process and he deserves to start for the National League.

By the numbers

46

Chase Utley leads all National League second basemen with 46 RBIs. His .293 batting average is the 18th best in the league overall.

3.0

The lefty also leads NL second baseman in wins above replacement with 3 wins, which cracks the top 15 of all eligible players.

Quoted

"Can I see him elsewhere? I'll believe it when I see it. I can't imagine the Phillies trading Chase."

Former teammate Jayson Werth

"He looks good," former teammate and Washington Nationals rightfielder Jayson Werth said. "It's good to see him battle through the injuries he's had. He's a fun player to watch. It's good to see him going about his business the way he can. He's running like we know he can. He's playing the game the way we're accustomed to seeing him play. I'm really happy for him. He deserves the All-Star appearance this week."

The Phillies are in the middle of their third lackluster season in a row. However, Utley, who has played in 90 of the Phillies 93 games, is having another terrific campaign.

Utley, 35, entered Sunday's game hitting .297, his best at this point since he hit .332 in 2007. Utley has also hit eight homers and driven in 46 RBIs.

Utley, who is the Phillies lone All-Star representative, has also been a doubles machine with 24 two-baggers this season.

"Chase has been incredibly consistent," Ben Revere said, "but isn't that the way he's always been?"

When Utley, who was plagued by knee problems from 2010 to 2012, is healthy he has been a main cog for the Phillies, offensively and defensively. Utley also has a solid .986 fielding percentage, committing only six errors so far this season,.

"The bottom line is that Chase is one of the best players of our generation," Werth said. "That's not debatable. It's great to see him back in true form. I still keep in touch with him. He knows how I feel."

Chase Utley reached the 1,500-hit milestone two weeks ago and will make his sixth start as an All-Star. / GETTY IMAGES

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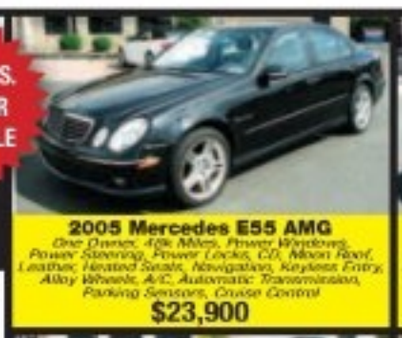

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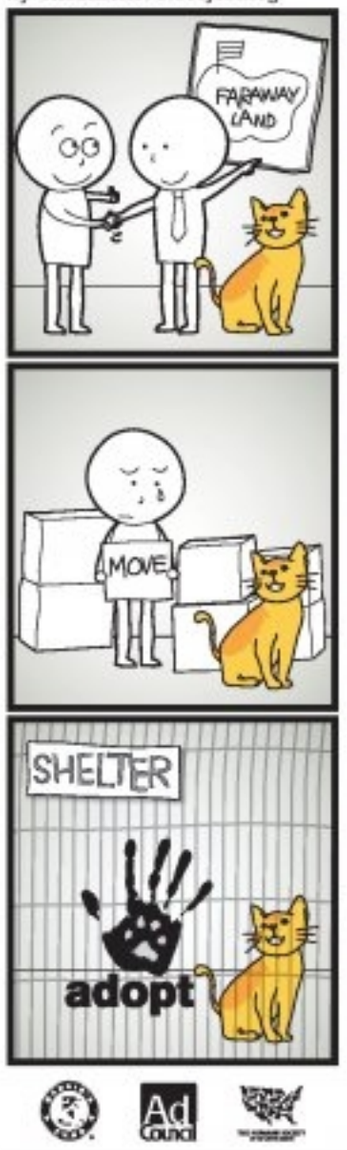

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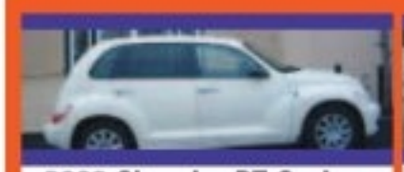

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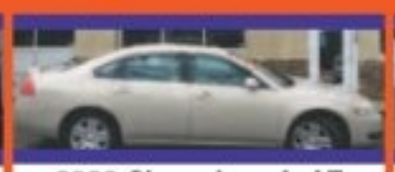

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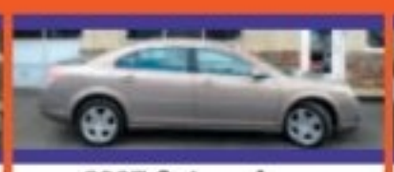

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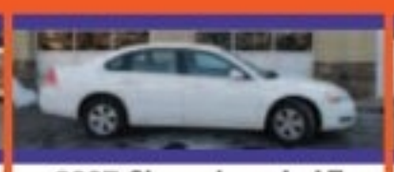

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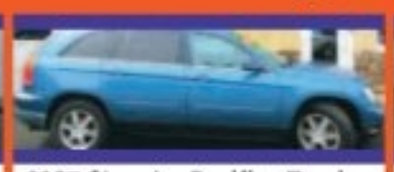

2007 Chrysler Pacifica Touring
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